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30 October 1952

Mr. D. Gordon Hunter
Phoenix Mutual Life Insurance Company
Hartford, Connecticut

Dear Mr. Hunter:

General Smith has asked me to acknowledge your letter of 24 October and the enclosures which you forwarded with it.

You are quite correct in assuming that we have seen this sort of material before and you will perhaps be relieved to know that this propaganda mill has singled out a number of prominent and respectable individuals to be recipients of their printed matter.

Most of the material of this type is of a particularly transparent character and is certainly without effect at the levels to which, in our observation, it has so far been directed.

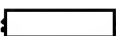
Thank you for bringing this to our attention.

Sincerely,


Assistant to the Director

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HARTFORD, CONNECTICUT

OFFICE OF VICE PRESIDENT AND AGENCY MANAGER
D. GORDON HUNTER

October 24, 1952

General Walter Bedell Smith
Central Intelligence Agency
Washington, D.C.

Dear General Smith:

Periodically, members of the life insurance fraternity who occupy important positions of authority are being bombarded with vicious propaganda similar to the enclosed. I might add that this communication was sent by air mail, and the only identifying mark of the sender was a rough stamp on the back of the envelope

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I presume that your Agency is fully conversant with the activities of this central source, but I thought I would take the liberty of sending this material to you which has just been received.

Sincerely yours,

D. Gordon Hunter

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